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The first duckling we have seen hatched out within the little pool enclosure today. They will shortly try to reach the pond, and I hope will not be set upon by crows.

In connection with my "crow" correspondence, I have just received the following letter from Ian Samuel. He suggested I see Mr. Gault, the Park Superintendent, which I shall do.

Josephine and Hugh Brooking, Kay, Nicky, and Miss White lunched with us.

June 3, 1962 - Sunday

We have two telegrams in, for delivery to the Prime Minister, who is in Paris, seeing General de Gaulle. They are from the President; one relates to our Government's desire not to have the Indians buy fighter planes from the Soviets; the other is a long telegram on the Congo, reiterating the reasons for our policy there, and expressing the hope the British might modify theirs.

Another bright day. E and I went to lunch with Daphne and Whitney Straight. Their place is only half an hour from ours. It lies in the enclosure of Osterley, ~~which is~~ now a National Trust property, with 2,000 acres of land. The Straights' portion of it was once an aviary. They have about 60 acres, and supply us with fresh eggs every morning, delivered in a Rolls Royce station wagon, since Whitney is Chairman of the company. They are a delightful couple. Lord and Lady Casey were there, as well as the Droghedas, two Straight daughters, and a son-in-law. The gardens are beautiful, with a fine swimming pool and a huge lake. They keep a variety of rare wild fowl, the most prominent of which are two huge African cranes. There are also some smaller crested cranes.

I had much conversation with Lord Casey, about Australian views on the Common Market. These have become of particular importance, because of Prime

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